



Outdoor Report

The week of April 30, 2018

- **Elk Applications are available. Applications are due May 18, 2018.**
 - **HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online.**
- Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>
- **The 2018 snow goose conservation order is open statewide from Feb 19th-May 8th.**
Only snow geese, blue geese and Ross' geese may be harvested during the conservation order.
- Find our waterfowl opportunity map online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/maps/#6>

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



James River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye. The bite has been slow, so far. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye and northern pike. The bite has been slow, so far. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Elm and Richmond Lakes: The ice is mostly gone, and there were a few boats out this weekend.



Hunting Report:

Light goose: There are not many geese around the area at this time. There was a push of snow geese into North Dakota last week.

Turkey: Brown County only has an archery turkey season. With the spring weather finally in the forecast, hopefully the turkeys will be more responsive to calls. The turkey season is off to a slow start because of the weather.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Dry Lake #1: Anglers have been casting in the evenings and mornings for walleye.

Dry Lake #2: Anglers are catching walleye and northern pike from shore. The walleye bite has been primarily an early morning bite or late evening bite.

Reid Lake: A few bigger walleye are being caught from shore, bite is still slow.

Swan Lake: Anglers are catching a few walleye and northern pike from shore. The walleye bite is still a little slow, but fishermen are picking up a few fish.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: A few snow geese are still moving through the area. Hunters are still finding a few decent fields to hunt.

Turkeys: Turkeys are becoming more active with the warmer temperatures. Hunters experienced better success over the past weekend.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Fishermen are still picking up a few northern pike and walleye by Lunkers.

Goose Lake: Anglers are picking up a few walleye casting from shore.

Pelican Lake: Anglers have been trying from shore, with little success.



Hunting Report:

Light Geese: A few small flocks of birds are moving through the western portions of the county.



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Turkey: Turkeys have become much more active with the warmer temperatures and hunters experienced decent success this past weekend.

Day County

Fishing Report:

Shore fishing has picked up throughout the county. Walleye and northern pike seem to be biting the best.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: Most birds left the area, a few hunters still out.

Turkey: More hunters are getting out with the nice weather, having some luck.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:

Poinsett: There is still some floating ice on the lake. Areas where there is open water the fishermen have been seen having fair success with walleye.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: No geese have been observed in the county.

Turkey: With the nicer weather lately there has been some success to this turkey season.

Marshall County

Fishing Report:

Clear: A few anglers have been observed wader fishing at the fish trap area with minimal success.

White: A few anglers have been fishing near the dam with limited success.



Hunting Report:

Light Goose: Majority of the geese are north of the state. A few isolated flocks of birds have been observed in the western portion of the county.

Turkey: The birds have become more receptive to calling, now is a good time to be out attempting to harvest a turkey.



Park Report:

- Spring is finally here! There have been docks going in around the area. Find access areas on our website at <https://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-areas/> - scroll to the bottom and click on Public Fishing Access for the interactive map of boat ramps and shore fishing opportunities.
- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area** – The east comfort station has been opened up for the season! With the warmer temps things have begun to green up in the campground and along the trails. Now is a great time to go spend some time in a state park and enjoy a relaxing hike or weekend in the camper. There are still a number of campsites and cabins available for the coming weeks.
- With spring finally here, be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.
- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins will be open May 4 for an arrival date of August 2nd and earlier.